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As indicated in paragraph three on the preceding page, I am currently, or previously have been, represented by an attorney appointed by this Court in the civil or criminal actions listed below.

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Your Responsibility Using This Information

You are being sent this letter because you wrote us asking for help with your criminal conviction. We have not investigated your case, and therefore can not offer you any advice or information specific to your claim. When we put together the information in this letter, we did our best to make sure it was accurate, but the laws change, and not all of the information applies to every case. If you use this document, it is therefore your responsibility to make sure the information is still current, and applies to your particular situation.

Criminal Cases

This office received your recent letter seeking help with your criminal case or conviction. While we represent many prisoners, the work we do is limited to civil rights cases challenging the way people are treated in prison. We do not do criminal work, including appeals, habes, post convictions, etc.

If your case is on appeal, then the public defender should have been appointed to represent you in that appeal. In Cook County, the appeals process may take several years, and it may take several months for the public defender to contact you.

If you wish to challenge your conviction, you should know that there are very strict deadlines for doing so. You should be sure to comply with the deadlines, or you may never be able to challenge your conviction. There are some exceptions, particularly for newly discovered evidence and actual innocence claims. However, the details of when those apply are beyond the scope of this document.

Many prisoners ask for referrals to lawyers who will challenge their convictions pro bono. Other than the public defender's office, the main group who is doing this work is The Center on Wrongful Convictions. The contact information for that group is:

Steven Drizin, Director
The Center on Wrongful Convictions
Bluhm Legal Clinic
Northwestern University School of Law
357 E. Chicago Ave.
Chicago, Illinois 60611

When writing the Center, it is important to include as much factual information as possible. They receive many more requests than they can possibly handle, so you should not wait for a response from the Center (or anyone else) if you have a deadline approaching. It is usually easier to amend a document which you have filed on time than it is to get permission to file a document late.

Sincerely,
Uptown People's Law Center